

Speakers' Biography

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Presentation of German Universities and German Research Institutions



Dr Anne Clausen
Carl von Ossietzky University of Oldenburg

Anne Clausen is a research consultant at the University of Oldenburg and advises academics on funding by DAAD, Humboldt Foundation and Federal Ministries. She has 25 years of professional experience in international cooperation and science management and offers researchers tailored advice on funding applications in the context of career strategies.



Dr Carsten Michael Walbiner
DAAD Regional Office Cairo

Carsten Walbiner holds a PhD in Oriental Studies from Leipzig University. Through long years of working at DAAD headquarters and other institutions in Germany, Lebanon, Palestine, and Jordan he has gained great experience in the field of academic cooperation between European and Arab partners. Since December 2022 Dr Walbiner is the director of the DAAD Regional Office Cairo.



Assoc. Prof. Ebaa El-Hossary
Egyptian Atomic Energy Authority & National Centre for Radiation Research and Technology

Assoc. Prof. Ebaa El-Hossary is an Associate Professor of Pharmaceutical Chemistry at the Egyptian Atomic Energy Authority. In January 2022, he was appointed by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation as its Ambassador Scientist in Egypt. In 2023, he was also elected as the Secretary General of the Humboldt Alumni Association in Egypt.



Eva Portius
Research Centre Juelich

Ms Eva Portius is Senior Manager of International Affairs at Research Centre Juelich since May 2018. She links the international executive strategy with activities of the Juelich scientists, supervises foreign collaborations and strategic alliances, is responsible for international networking, and initiation of new cooperation projects. She was the head of DAAD Information Centres Tashkent and Almaty from 1999-2011.



Hoda El Mahgoub
Freie Universität Berlin

As head of the FU Berlin Cairo Liaison Office, her duties include to promote its study and research programs, to recruit top-class junior researchers and to establish and support collaborations and keeping track of scientific developments in the region.



Irene El Khorazaty
Philipps-Universität Marburg

Irene El-Khorazaty is the head of the Liaison Office of Philipps-Universität Marburg in Cairo since 2014. In her position she supports highly qualified students and scientists from Egypt and the MENA region to continue their scientific careers in Marburg, promotes academic exchange and advises on the development of cooperation activities between Egyptian universities and Marburg. Her contact: cairo@uni-marburg.de



Dr Karim Zafer
University of Cologne

Karim Zafer is the head of the Cairo Regional Office of the University of Cologne. He is also acting as Manager of Global Responsibility and responsible for the academic collaboration with the MENA Region at the International Affairs of the University of Cologne.

Scientific Talks

N/A

Prof. Dr Aline Julia Elisabeth Deicke
Phillips-University Marburg & Academy of Sciences and Literature, Mainz

Aline Deicke is Academy Professor for Digital Humanities at the Marburg Centre for Digital Culture and Infrastructure (MCDI, Philipps University Marburg) and Deputy Director of the Digital Academy (Academy of Sciences and Literature | Mainz). Her research focuses on the critical application of networks and graph technologies in the Humanities.



Dr Christoph Lange
University of Cologne

Dr Christoph Lange is trained in Social and Cultural Anthropology and Middle East Studies.

His PhD focused on the culture and history of the breeding of Arabian horses. He is currently developing a project on socio-ecological interventions in the Mediterranean from a Critical Zone's perspective.



Prof. Dr Isabelle Ruhnke
Freie Universität Berlin

Prof. Dr Isabelle Ruhnke is a veterinarian and the Head of the Poultry Division at the Veterinary School of the Freie Universität Berlin. The Poultry Division includes a large diagnostic laboratory and a poultry clinic. Prof. Ruhnke is especially passionate about improving (digestive) health and performance in laying hens but also meat birds and turkeys.



Dr John Bai
Carl von Ossietzky Universität Oldenburg

John Y. H. Bai is a Postdoctoral Researcher at the Carl von Ossietzky University of Oldenburg, Germany. He completed his PhD in Psychology at the University of Auckland, New Zealand. His research interests include artificial intelligence in education, research design, and the interaction between individuals and their environments.

Soft Skills Mini Modules



Prof. Dr Mohamed El-Fouly **National Research Centre**

Prof. Dr Mohamed M. El-Fouly obtained MSc from Alexandria University and Dr agr. from TU Munich. Worked as researcher in different R&D entities in Germany. Joined NRC in 1966 till now. Leader of a research group with cooperating with different institutions in Germany, Bulgaria, Romania, UK, Check Republic, Turkey, Spain. Portugal, different Arab countries, and others.

He is recognized trainer in different scientific subjects including proposal writing, Knowledge Management in Science and M&E of R&D.



Dr Mona El Tobgui **National Research Centre**

Dr. Mona El Tobgui acted as a senior advisor for the Fraunhofer Gesellschaft in Egypt. Through her scientific career she has participated in many projects at the national and international levels particularly with Germany and the United States. The primary areas of focus is R&D management and S&T policies and strategies at large.

As an employee of the Egyptian National Research Centre (NRC), Dr. El Tobgui, developed R&D programmes in diverse fields of S&T, health, IT, and social development.



Suzan Scheffen **Trainer**

More than 30 years' experience in Sales & Marketing, Project Management & Business Development in International Companies on different Management levels in Germany, the UK, Belgium, and the Middle East. Currently supporting companies in the Transformation to the New Digital era, Change-Management, Process- Optimization & Management targeting efficiency and cost reductions in Organizations.

The DAAD Alumni



Prof. Dr Emad Hashish
Zagazig University

Emad Hashish is a professor of Veterinary Clinical Pathology at Zagazig University in Egypt and a previous Egyptian Cultural Attaché in Kuwait. He received his Ph.D. from SDSU in the USA and was granted two GERSS programs at FLI and the Universität of Würzburg. Additionally, he has worked as a research fellow at K-State University, and UW–Madison in the USA and the University of Guelph in Canada.



Dr Mervat Abdelalim
Helwan University

Dr Mervat Abdelalim is a lecturer at the German Department, Faculty of Arts, Helwan University in Egypt and certified German Lecturer from the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (BAMF). As part of her teaching activities at the university since 2009, she has been teaching German literature, culture, and German as a foreign language for specialist and non-specialist students. She is also DAAD Alumni since 2012 (GERSS and GERLS scholarship holder). Dr. Mervat earned her Ph. D in contemporary German literature as part of the Channel Program between the University of Cologne in Germany and Helwan University in Egypt. Since then, she has been a Cologne Alumni and a regular guest at Cologne Alumni events. She is also the contact person between the international office of the University of Cologne in Cairo and Helwan University.



Dr Sarah Fahmy
Ain Shams University

Dr Sarah Fahmy finished her school studies from Lycée La Liberté Heliopolis in 2003. She graduated from faculty of dentistry Ain Shams University, BSc, 2008 (Excellent with honours). She got her residency at the Endodontic Dept. in 2011 till 2013, and earned her Masters degree in 2013. She was awarded the DAAD GERSS scholarship in 2015. She got her PhD in 2017 after a joint supervision from Ain Shams University- and Christian Albrechts University in Kiel, Germany. She was promoted to a lecturer at the Endodontic dept. for 5 years then was awarded the second DAAD scholarship in 2021 as a postdoctoral researcher to Rheinische-Friedrich Wilhelms Universität Bonn to finish one of her research projects needed to fulfill the promotion requirements. Currently she is an Associate Professor at the Endodontic dept. and a Basic Life support instructor at the American Heart Association.



Prof. Dr Sherine Rady
Ain Shams University

A Professor at the Faculty of Computer and Information Sciences, Ain Shams University. She received her B.Sc. degree in electrical engineering (computer and systems) and the M.Sc. degree in computer and information sciences from Ain Shams University, Cairo, Egypt, and her Ph.D. degree from the University of Mannheim, Germany through a DAAD scholarship in 2012. She was also a visiting professor at DFKI, Kaiserslautern through the DAAD Re-invitation Programme for Former Scholarship Holders in 2023. Her research interests include Artificial Intelligence, Data Science, and Robotics.

Panel Discussion



Dina Radwan
Goethe-Institut Cairo

Dina Radwan is currently the Head of Educational Cooperation German at the Goethe Institut Cairo. With a background in teaching German language, she has also worked as a seminar leader, train of trainer and project consultant. One of her notable achievements was establishing the Studienkolleg, a preparatory year program for Egyptian students aspiring to study in Germany, in collaboration with the Technical University in Berlin. Additionally, she served as a project consultant for the project "To Work and Live in Germany," where she provided support to individuals from the labour market interested in pursuing employment opportunities in Germany. Throughout her career, she has been dedicated to facilitating educational and professional opportunities for individuals seeking to engage with German language and culture.



Pia Schöngarth (MA)
Philipps-Universität Marburg

Pia Schöngarth graduated in Empirical Cultural Studies M.A. from the University of Marburg. She works in the International Office of the University of Marburg and coordinates projects for refugee students with a focus on career entry. Currently, she is working on a project on the study success of international students.

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Thore Neumann
Deutsche Botschaft Kairo

Consul at the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany



Yara Elkorety
Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) - Egypt

Yara Elkorety, born and raised in Cairo, Egypt. She heads the Labour Mobility Component within GIZ Egypt’s migration portfolio through the regional programme "Towards A Holistic Approach to Labour Migration Governance and Labour Mobility in North Africa" (THAMM Plus) and the global programme "Migration for Development" operating from the Egyptian-German Centre for Jobs, Migration and Reintegration.

In the previous phase of the THAMM plus programme, Yara was responsible for the implementation and coordination of a pilot labour mobility scheme between Egypt and Germany for apprentices and skilled workers in targeted sectors and professions.

Yara holds a bachelor’s degree in political science from Cairo University and an MPhil in Education, Globalisation and International Development from the University of Cambridge, UK. Her mother tongue is Arabic and as foreign languages, she speaks English, French and German.



Yasmine Fauzy
The German Arab Chamber of Industry and Commerce

Ms. Yasmin Fauzy working since 2013 as a Project Manager at the German Arab Chamber of Industry and Commerce. Since 2015 her focus is on legal migration to Germany. Within the framework of the project “ProRecognition” she gives advice to people who want to find a job in Germany on how to start their journey. She focuses on the Recognition of Qualification in Germany.

Since 2024 she is the Head of Migration and Employment department at the AHK Egypt and focuses mainly on connecting Egyptian skilled labour and German companies through establishing partnerships with German organizations and institutions.

One-to-One- Meeting Sessions

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Information Booths



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Carolyn Rumich
Philipps-Universität Marburg

Student at the Philipps-Universität Marburg, currently in a study abroad semester at the Cairo University.



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Alexander von Humboldt-Foundation

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Eman El Mokadem
Freie Universität Berlin

Supports work at the Cairo Office of the FU Berlin, while working on her PhD.



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Hannah Pitz
Philipps-Universität Marburg

Student at the Philipps-Universität Marburg, currently in a study abroad semester at the Cairo University.



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Miriam Mikhail
Philipps-Universität Marburg

Student at the Philipps-Universität Marburg, currently doing an internship at the Goethe-Institut Cairo.

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Ghada Medhat
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